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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF
MEDICATION**

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Purpose: To administer medication through the digestive tract.		Indications: Patient who is alert, cooperative, and is able to protect own airway and swallow the medication.	
Advantages: Can be done without IV access.	Disadvantages: Patient may vomit prior to absorption of the therapeutic dose.	Complications: Medication may cause stomach upset and/or vomiting.	Contraindications: Patient uncooperative, unable to follow directions, or lack of gag reflex.

